

THE POLICE CORPS WEEKLY

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Recruit Profile

Peter Kraeger



Sponsoring Agency: Green Bay Police Department

Age: 23

Hometown: Waupaca, WI

College: Concordia, Mequon

Major: Criminal Justice

Hobbies/Interests: Fishing, spending time with friends and family, and riding his motorcycle.



RECRUITS VISIT JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY IN LACROSSE BY: RECRUIT CATO

The juvenile justice system is a necessary part of the criminal justice system. In recent years criminal activity of young individuals has become increasingly apparent through incidents such as Columbine. The goal of the juvenile justice system is to treat these young individuals in a positive manner, so that they can become law-abiding citizens. Sgt. Yahn of the Wisconsin State Patrol trained the class on the juvenile system and the laws pertaining to juveniles.

The Juvenile Justice Code, Wisconsin statute 983, defines a child as any person under the age of 18, but children can be charged as adults in certain circumstances such as a child who commits a criminal act at the age of 17. You can also be found delinquent at the age of 10 or older when committing a federal or criminal law.

The program, Children In Protective Services (Chips) under Wisconsin



The class poses for a picture in downtown LaCrosse during their trip. (Recruits Kraeger and Opperman not pictured due to interviews)

statute 48.13 gives the court jurisdiction over children alleged to be in need of protection or services. Under this statute, the court has exclusive original jurisdiction in many cases. Some of these cases include children without a parent or guardian, an abandoned child, a parent that has relinquished custody of the child, and a child that has been abused.

The class also took a field trip to the Juvenile Detention Center in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The Juvenile Detention Center is

split into two sections, secure and unsecured. In the secure section, juveniles are considered a higher risk. This section consists of prison cells, a classroom with access to computers, and a stricter environment. In the unsecured section, the juveniles are considered to be less of a risk. This section has a more dorm like setting, a classroom with computer access, and the juveniles are allowed more freedom. The trip was a good learning experience for the class.

RECRUITS SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS IN RAPPELLING BY: RECRUIT KRAEGER

Team building this week consisted of rappelling. Many recruits woke up Friday morning with a few butterflies in their stomach in anticipation for what was to come. Their instructors, Mr. Pressler and Mr. Buck, both have a lot of years of experience in rappelling and this helped a lot in calming everyone's nerves.



In fact, Mr. Buck, the lead instructor for the day, was a repel master for the Army.

The class was first instructed on the different types of equipment that they would be using. By the end of the morning, the class had the opportunity to repel down a three-story tower.

Mr. Buck reinforced the idea of trust and how it applies to law enforcement. The recruits are going to have to trust all of the equipment they use on a daily basis as well trusting the people around them. This level of trust was also



A recruit rappels down the 30-foot

necessary during rappelling as recruits had to trust their equipment and their classmates on the other end of the rope.

It was great to see everyone's confidence increase as the morning went on. This confidence will be needed as the class moves on to the high tower next week.

AGENCY PROFILE: KENOSHA POLICE DEPT. BY: RECRUIT KUNZ

Recruit Kunz is currently sponsored by the Kenosha Police Department. The mission statement for the department is *"To serve all people with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to preserving peace, order and safety; enforcing laws and ordinances; and safeguarding constitutional rights."* The Kenosha Police Department consists of 186 sworn officers and is headed by Chief Daniel C. Wade. Kenosha is a rapidly growing city in the southeast corner of Wis-

consin, directly between Chicago and Milwaukee. Kenosha's population has just surpassed the 90,000 mark and includes a very diverse and culturally balanced citizenship.

The Kenosha Police Department does not have a concrete vision statement, but they have many standards and guidelines that every sworn officer must follow in regards to patrol and community relations. The department has many values that are very important in holding a good

relationship with the surrounding community. The department tries to remain flexible in working hard to meet all of the community's needs and concerns. They also work hard to improve the quality of life of all the members in the community. The Kenosha Police Department insists on keeping an "open ear" to the people. This allows for constant communication, which enables the department to understand the needs and concerns of the community as a whole.

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DRUG RECOGNITION AND METH LABS

BY: RECRUIT WALLACE

Agent Schultz from the Wisconsin Drug and Narcotics Enforcement Agency came on Tuesday of this week to speak to recruits about drug recognition and methamphetamine labs. As police officers, recruits will encounter a variety of narcotics throughout their careers. Being able to recognize these drugs when they come across them will prove to be very important.

The main focus of Agent Schultz's presentation was methamphetamine labs. Methamphetamine has become an increasingly popular drug in Wisconsin. The increased use of this drug presents a number of

problems for police officers. Not only do police officers have to deal with the unpredictable behavior of people that they encounter who are under the influence of this dangerous drug, but they also have to be aware of the



labs that people use to produce this narcotic. Methamphetamine labs are very dangerous. The production of this drug requires a number of very hazardous materials like, anhydrous ammo-

nia, lye, and lithium. These chemicals are highly reactive, making these labs very dangerous. The "labs" that these drugs are produced in are usually nothing more than a system of bowls or bottles in a kitchen or garage. Many methamphetamine cooks experience severe burns from explosions of their labs at some point throughout their experiences with the drug.

The information provided by Mr. Schultz will enable recruits to recognize methamphetamine labs during their law enforcement careers and avoid the potential dangers that these labs pose.

-Methamphetamine is the largest drug problem in Wisconsin and is continuing to grow in popularity among illicit drug users.

-Methamphetamine is considered to be the most violent of the illicit drugs.

INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION SKILLS

BY: RECRUIT OPPERMAN

Interview and interrogation, two words that are used consistently in law enforcement, but what do they mean? These are not just words that you would hear on some TV sitcom such as NYPD Blue or the Shield, they are an intricate part of the criminal justice system. These terms come to a basic definition; they are both used to find the truth. This week in classes recruits were taught how to interview victims, how to inter-

view suspects, and how to interrogate a suspect.

An interview consists of basic questioning including the who, what, when, where, and how of a situation. It is a non-accusatory process and is used to collect important information and details from a witness, victim, or a potential suspect.

The interrogation takes the opposite approach and is what you would see on T.V. or in movies, but

not to the extremes usually seen. As an interrogator you are taking an accusatory stance and trying to find out the cold hard facts of a crime or get a confession out of a suspect.

Each recruit will definitely get a chance to try his or her interrogation and interview skills one day when they are required to use them in their jobs. It will take years and experience for the recruits to become experts in these tactics.